



GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

Advent | December 8th 2019 | Luke 1:26-38

“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.” —Luke 1:31

FROM THE TEXT

- Read Luke 1:1-80 and 2:1-40. Get a full scope of the Advent story. Luke’s account is by far the most detailed account of Christ’s coming.
- Simply from reading this text together, what jumps out to you from the “Christmas Story” that you have never noticed before? Who are some of the characters that surprise you, and why? What do you see in them that is praiseworthy or noteworthy?

FROM THE SERMON

- Pastor Chris taught 3 crucial reasons for the doctrine of the virgin birth. 1) The virgin birth enables Jesus to be human and divine. 2) Testifies that salvation is by grace alone, without human effort. 3) Reveals that nothing is impossible with God. Which of the 3 reasons was most encouraging to you, and why? Is there anything that is still fuzzy to you about the virgin birth after the sermon?

FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- A lot was taught about Mary, her background, and her response to God. Rather than the polished, perfect icon that portrays Mary around Christmas time, how does a proper view of Mary’s life help us understand and apply the message of the gospel to our lives? How should a proper view of Mary’s life help us apply the message of the Gospel to others?
- The phrase used by Gabriel to Mary is “Nothing will be impossible with God.” How should this phrase be understood and rightly applied to our lives? (Think selfish motives vs. God’s will)
- Mary’s final response to Gabriel is incredibly surrendered and submissive: “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” Why do we struggle so bad with adopting this same attitude toward God in our lives? What are we afraid of? What lies do we believe that prevent us from a response of surrendered submission to God?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray that we would remember the humble beginnings of the life of Jesus.
- Pray that we would recognize the “impossible” things that God wants to do in our life.
- Pray that we would respond to God with surrendered submission to Him.